



webserver@yucca-web.ympp.gov on 12/04/2007 10:25:40 AM

To: EIS\_Comments@ympp.gov  
cc:  
Subject: EIS Comment

User Filed as: Not Categorized in ERMS

December 04, 2007 10:25:40

IP address: 128.152.20.33

~~~~~  
The Commentors Name:

---> Daniel Walker

~~~~~  
The Commentors Address:

---> 7416 West 82nd Street  
---> Los Angeles, California 90045

~~~~~  
Email Information:

---> milowalker@ca.rr.com  
---> Add commentor to the mailing list : yes

~~~~~  
Contact Information:

---> fax number : 310 364 6128  
---> phone number : 310 503 2449  
---> organization : Californians for Safe, Clean, Efficient Nuclear Power  
---> position : President

~~~~~  
Comment Text :

--> To: Samuel Bodman, United States Secretary of Energy  
CC: Ward Sproat, Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management;

Subject: DOE/EIS-0250F-S2D and DOE/EIS-0369D (Draft Nevada Rail Corridor SEIS and Draft Rail Alignment EIS)

We are strong supporters of nuclear energy to increase our US energy independence, reduce overall energy cost, reduce pollution, and reduce global warming. [We support Yucca Mt. as a good site to store nuclear waste safely and efficiently, based on decades of scientific analysis and testing.]

[Moving containers mostly by rail from numerous nuclear reactors to Yucca Mt. seems to be the safest mode although the nations rail infrastructure in many parts of the country needs significant improvement due to growing freight congestion.] [The rail corridors studied in Nevada are mostly remote, far from most inhabited areas and overall the environmental impacts due the rail projects will be very minimal and easily mitigated.] [The huge benefit of safely storing nuclear material in one safe, secure, remote location far out-weigh some very minor environment impacts which generally come with any large transportation improvement project anywhere in the world.] [Impacts of this project, both positive and negative, should be documented early in the environmental review process so that the design process can mitigate the few real adverse impacts early and produce the safest, most efficient project

1  
2  
3  
1 continued  
4

1  
Continued

[We know of no other project in US history that has had as much scrutiny as Yucca. The professionals who have studied Yucca and its transportation options have produced thorough reports and done significant outreach to the public. Government officials and newspapers have communicated details of this project almost every day for decades.]

5

[Both the Mina and Caliente rail corridors would work fine to move casks to Yucca Mt. It is wise to fully study all the reasonable rail corridors to Yucca Mt. Paiute Native American tribal support for the Mina project is likely to return once they understand how their tribe will benefit economically from the project in the future. However, the slightly longer Caliente corridor should also have minimal environmental impacts.]

6

[It is also beneficial that this corridor will be open for general freight transportation (on a lower priority than nuclear casks). The economic benefit of improved goods movement for rural Nevada would be substantial.] [Overall, Yucca Mt. and this transportation enhancement project will mean thousands of good science, engineering, construction, and related jobs for Nevada.]

7

8 [Moving nuclear waste casks at high speed has been tested and proven safe (i.e. no radiation leaks detected) - even when exposed to extreme simulated test environments which are very unlikely along these routes.] [Double tracking the rail corridor in many places would be beneficial for safety and speed. Grade separations at busy street crossings would provide similar benefits at somewhat higher cost. All new at-grade crossings should be built with the latest standard FRA safety techniques (i.e. median islands to discourage drivers from ignoring lowered crossing gates, flashing red lights, and bells). For improved security and safety, GPS tracking is now a mature technology which can be used to help track important shipments, such as waste casks.]

9

[Design/Build approach should be considered to reduce overall project cost and schedule. Tight cost control is essential for this project to succeed. The best way to keep costs under control is keep the overall project schedule moving forward crisply without delay.]

10

Some highly paid Yucca nuclear critics having been trying to spread mis-information for years about the Yucca project. Unfortunately, some well meaning, good people of Nevada have been scared by this mis-information. Critics will claim significant environmental impacts of any route or delivery mode proposed for Yucca. No waste delivery route by truck, rail, airplane, helicopter, biked, or hiked in would satisfy some critics.

( Continued

[We recommend swift approval and selection of the Caliente corridor. Let's move forward ASAP.]  
Thanks,  
Daniel Walker